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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Syracuse University Press. Under the steady leadership of Director Alice Pfeiffer, it is my hope that the Syracuse University Press continues to provide this great service to our community and to the world for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARLA GUERRA'S RETIREMENT

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Marla M. Guerra, a dedicated educator who is retiring after 17 years of service as the superintendent of South Texas Independent School District (ISD).

Dr. Guerra's professional accomplishments are numerous and impressive. She has passionately guided South Texas ISD, continuously improving the quality of education, and earning state and national recognitions along the way. Under her leadership, South Texas ISD was recognized first in Texas, and sixth in the nation in the Niche 2018 category for "Best K-12 School Districts." Dr. Guerra was also named the 2018 Texas Association of School Boards' Regional Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Guerra is an influential educator with a strong focus on educational growth for student development. Her work for the district has supported the expansion of both academic offerings and life-changing opportunities for students and teachers to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Prior to her role as superintendent of South Texas ISD, Dr. Guerra served as a teacher, principal, and college professor. She was also a social worker and worked alongside Child Protective Services. Dr. Guerra is a true champion for our youth, and her success has unequivocally empowered them to improve themselves and their communities.

As a leader and advocate for our children, Dr. Guerra has molded South Texas ISD into the district it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marla M. Guerra for her more than 40 years of public service for our children and schools.

HONORING RUTHIE'S RUN ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ruthie's Run on its 50th Anniversary.

A visit to Lake Placid, New York, is not complete without a stop at Ruthie's Run, the iconic sportswear and skiwear shop. Ruthie's Run has offered a wide variety of skiing goods since Ruth Prime purchased Thaire's Ski Shop in 1968 and renamed it after a slope on Aspen Mountain in Colorado.

In 1984, Cathy and Wayne Johnston left their jobs in the corporate world and bought Ruthie's Run to make their own mark in the community, and they have maintained quality service ever since. Ruthie's Run offers a selection for customers looking for a wide variety of price range and style. With Cathy's expertise to solve any wardrobe issue, customers never leave Ruthie's unsatisfied.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Ruthie's Run on its 50th anniversary. Ruthie's is a staple in the Lake Placid community, and I look forward to watching the Johnstons continue its legacy in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE PUERTO RICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Puerto Rican Bar Association, as it celebrates its 40th Year Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala on October 12, 2018.

The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) was founded in 1957. It is the largest Latino bar association in New York State and offers personal and professional support to Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys. The PRBA Scholarship Fund raises money to award scholarships to deserving law students. Founded in 1978 by Justice Donald Grajales, himself a past president of the PRBA, it has provided over \$500,000,000 to law students based on scholastic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

The lawyers who make up PRBA have a strong dedication to public service and to preserving the civil and political rights of Puerto Ricans and Latinos. This has been an extraordinary year in which the PRBA has been presente! I am proud of all the members who volunteered and dedicated time and resources to help the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, the detained children and hardworking families in New York City.

One thing is for certain, the members of PRBA have an unwavering commitment to the legal profession, to each other and to the people they serve. I want to especially thank Carmen Pacheco, Esq., for her dedication and leadership during her term as President and congratulate Honorable Wilma Guzman, the first judge ever elected President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. I am confident that her experience, vision and leadership will propel the association to new heights.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Puerto Rican Bar Association and the Puerto Rican Bar Scholarship Fund on this special 40th year anniversary. I wish the Puerto Rican Bar Association continued success in many more years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH HALL ROTARY CLUB

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Hall Rotary Club for raising over \$8,000 for charities in Northeast Georgia.

Rotary International is a service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, advance goodwill, and promote peace around the world.

During their recent Awesome 80s 5K run, the South Hall Rotary Club raised more than \$8,000 to support the Relay for Life Hall County, the University of North Georgia Food Pantry, and their annual Foster Kids of Hall County Christmas Party. More than one hundred runners participated in the charitable event. Many of the participants celebrated by wearing costumes, neon shorts and leggings, wild colorful hairstyles, big glasses, and headbands on race day. Uniformly, however, the participants reflected the generous spirit of Northeast Georgia, and a strong commitment to serving their community.

In past races, the South Hall Rotary Club has helped raise funds to support new dental equipment for Good News Clinic, Boys & Girls Club, and for a new computer lab at the Comp-pass Center.

I visited with President Renee Carden and the South Hall Rotary Club this August and was inspired by their dedication and giving spirit. I thank the South Hall Rotary Club for their philanthropic efforts and their work to unite the community for good.

HONORING MICHAEL GUERRA-YORK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Guerra-York. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Guerra-York for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.